QUARTERLY REPORT



CITY OF SUNNYVALE

WINTER 2007

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVANCES DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

he Sunnyvale
Redevelopment Agency
(RDA) has voted to give
preliminary approval to a
requested transfer of the
Sunnyvale Town Center
redevelopment project. The vote
took place at the RDA's December
12 meeting. The key vote will enable
developer Fourth Quarter Properties
to continue negotiations to transfer
the property.

Plans for the redevelopment project called for demolition of the now-closed Sunnyvale Town Center, restoration of the street grid through the area, and construction of a mixed retail, commercial and residential downtown. When finished, the project would have about one million square feet of retail space, a quarter-million square feet of commercial office space and nearly 300 ownership homes. Throughout the construction period, the existing Target and Macy's stores, each of

which is separately owned, would remain open for business.

Fourth Quarter began demolition work on the project in late 2005, but failed to continue work after the 2005 holiday shopping period. Concern grew as January and February passed without further activity on the job site.

Fourth Quarter was found in breach of the development agreement by the RDA in early 2006. The RDA notified the developer that several deadlines outlined in the development agreement had been missed, creating the breach. The RDA gave the developer opportunities to cure the breach, but when that failed, the City notified Fourth Quarter in August that they would exercise an agreement option to directly acquire the property, the first step in an effort to bring in a new developer.

Last fall, Fourth Quarter requested permission from the RDA to sell the project to a new developer. The proposed purchaser was identified as a joint venture between RREEF, a global financial organization, and their partner, Sand Hill Properties. The development agreement grants Fourth Quarter the right to sell the project to another developer, but only with the permission of the RDA.

Once REEF and Sand Hill were identified as potential developers, City staff began a due diligence inspection of both organizations, resulting in a report to the RDA with a recommendation to give preliminary approval to the requested transfer. The RDA agreed with the staff recommendation and voted unanimously to give preliminary approval to a requested transfer.

For ongoing updates on the project, visit the City's special Website at *downtown.inSunnyvale. com* for more information, including announcements of future hearings and a public outreach meeting. ③

HENDY AVENUE TRANSIT GATE OPENS

northbound Caltrain departs the Sunnyvale Multimodal Transit Station, as viewed through the newly-opened Hendy Avenue gate.

The new entrance provides ADA-compliant access to the Multimodal Transit Station from the north side of the Caltrain tracks. The project, which was begun in late spring 2006, opened to the public in early December. The entryway was a joint project between Caltrain, VTA and the City of Sunnyvale.



SUNNYVALE NAMES NEW MAYOR, VICE MAYOR

As it does every year, Sunnyvale City Council has selected a new mayor and vice mayor, and has reorganized its seating in Council Chambers. The new seating arrangement, from left to right, is:

- Councilmember Christopher R. Moylan
- Councilmember John Howe
- Vice Mayor Tony Spitaleri
- Mayor Otto Lee
- Councilmember Ron Swegles

- Councilmember Dean J. Chu
- Councilmember Melinda Hamilton

The Sunnyvale City
Council is composed of seven
Councilmembers elected at-large
for up to two four-year terms.
The mayor and vice mayor are
selected from among the ranks of
the Council and serve for one-year
terms. Council meets most Tuesday
evenings at 7 p.m. in Sunnyvale
City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave.

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CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED

he City of Sunnyvale's
Charter serves as the
City's constitution and
provides guidelines for
the structure and authority
of City government. From
time to time, the City reviews its
Charter to make sure it serves
Sunnyvale's long term goals and
to keep it current with new legal
developments. The Sunnyvale
City Council appointed an ad hoc
Charter Review Committee in July

2006, and the Committee has been meeting regularly. The Committee is considering charter provisions on term limits, numbered council seats, boards and commissions, maternity and paternity leave, a directly-elected mayor, and franchises. The Committee is also selecting other charter provisions to review. At the end of the review process in spring 2007, the committee will present its recommendations for any Charter amendments to the Council.

The Charter Review Committee has scheduled two public hearings at which citizens can comment on the Charter issues being considered by the Committee. These public hearings are scheduled for February 15 and March 15, at 7 p.m. Additional information on the public hearings will be posted on KSUN-15 and the City's Web site, www.sunnyvale.ca.gov, prior the meeting dates. •

Update on the Sunnyvale Library of the Future Project

unnyvale Public Library is one of the busiest in California, reporting 534 checkouts per hour in FY 2004/05, and more than 555 per hour the following

year. Since the last expansion of the Library in 1988, checkouts, a key indicator of Library use, increased by 80 percent. In order to prepare for future growth and Library use, the City launched the Sunnyvale Library of the Future project to gather input

from the community about library needs and to plan future services and facilities. The following timeline shows what has occurred so far and the next steps for the Sunnyvale Library of the Future project. ③

April 25, 2006 Council approval of report on Vision for Sunnyvale Library of the Future and Assess Future Library Needs study issue November 2006
Consultant and staff team
developed preliminary
report on the needs
assessment and plan of
service for the November 6
Library Board of Trustees
meeting

February 3, 2007 Library stakeholders public meeting to discuss facility options considered by Council April 24, 2007
City Council meeting:
Provide additional information required by Council on the study for finalization

June 12, 2007 City Council meeting: Present final Sunnyvale Library of the Future Study and Strategy

PR 06 MAY 06 JUN 06 JUL 06 AUG 06 SEP 06 OCT 06 NOV 06 DEC 06 JAN 07 FEB 07 MAR 07 APR 07 MAY 07 JUN 07

July 2005 – October 2006 Completed the community needs assessment phase of public meetings, key informants interviews and focus group meetings August 2006
Anderson Brulé Architects
hired by the City to
develop the Sunnyvale
Library of the Future
Study and Strategy

December 18, 2006 Draft report on the Sunnyvale Library of the Future Study and Strategy to be presented at Library Board of Trustees meeting

January 23, 2007
Draft report on the Sunnyvale
Library of the Future Study and
Strategy to be presented.
Expect to receive direction at
the January 23 City Council
meeting to receive direction
from Council on preferred
strategy and facility options to

March 26, 2007 Library Board of Trustees meeting to discuss and develop recommendations for preferred facility options and information to present to Council

COUNCIL HOLDS STUDY ISSUES WORKSHOP

Sunnyvale City Council held its annual Study Issues Workshop December 15. To see the results of that workshop, visit studyissues.inSunnyvale.com.

ELECTION 2007

The City of Sunnyvale municipal election will be held in November 2007 for four City Council seats with terms expiring 2011. The four seats that will open are:

SEAT 4: Currently occupied by Councilmember Dean J. Chu

SEAT 5: Currently occupied by Mayor Otto Lee

SEAT 6: Currently occupied by Councilmember Ron Swegles

SEAT 7: Currently occupied by Councilmember Melinda Hamilton

If you are interested in running for City Council, call the City Clerk's office at (408) 730-7483, TDD (408) 730-7501 for more information.

For All City Services, TDD Access (408) 730-7501

Onizuka Redevelopment Update

ith the appointment of a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) last June by City Council, acting as the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA), Sunnyvale embarked on a multi-year project to plan for the civilian reuse of the 23-acre Onizuka Air Force Station.

Guiding the conversion of this historic military property to civilian reuse is a significant opportunity for Sunnyvale. In April 2006 the Department of Defense (DOD) named Sunnyvale the LRA for the Onizuka site. With DOD funding, the Onizuka LRA is well on its way through its first phase, and continues to seek input from community members as it

considers conceptual alternatives and develops a reuse plan.

The lengthy reuse process is divided into three phases. The first phase involves organizing, initiating public outreach, conducting preliminary property analysis, identifying and selecting reuse alternatives at a conceptual level. The Onizuka LRA is currently in this phase and is committed to seeking public participation in the planning process.

Phase two of the project will begin in March as the City develops the redevelopment plan. The plan is due by the end of 2007. DOD will then have one year to issue its formal Record of Decision describing how the property will be transferred.

The final phase – implementing the adopted reuse strategy following the DOD's Record of Decision – is not expected until 2011.

Sunnyvale residents are encouraged to join the dialog with both the Onizuka LRA and the CAC in an effort to form a community vision for the future civilian reuse of the Onizuka AFS property. A number of focus groups and public hearings will be held in early 2007. To find out more about the meetings, reports and scheduled events, visit Onizuka. inSunnyvale.com, call the Onizuka Redevelopment Hotline at (408) 730-7739, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail Robert Switzer, BRAC Project Manager, at rswitzer@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. 🗘

SUCCESSFUL SUNNYVALE VISIONING FESTIVAL TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR CITY'S REVISED GENERAL PLAN

More than 180 residents and business representatives attended the Sunnyvale Community Visioning Festival October 28 and enthusiastically expressed their dreams and aspirations for Sunnyvale's future. The group reflected the diversity of the community and its many distinct neighborhoods. The message was clear, positive and strikingly similar from many participants.

Although staff and consultants are still analyzing the input and preparing a report to the community, here are

some of the sentiments expressed repeatedly:

- Sunnyvale is a great city safe, attractive and well run. But it can become better over time.
- Downtown must be revitalized as a commercial hub and public meeting place, or, as expressed by some teenagers, "a place to hang out."
- Environmental sensitivity can be heightened as the community embraces sustainable practices.
- Greater emphasis should be placed on youth and education.

■ We need to extend a helping hand to our less fortunate families and individuals.

An expected, moderate increase in population should be accommodated through smart growth, placing higher-density housing in mixed-use settings near public transportation, rather than scattering it throughout the City.

The group spent three hours developing and expressing their ideas, both together and in smaller breakout groups. The mood was clearly optimistic. As the festival drew to a close, the Kings Academy Marching Band paraded through the meeting room and led the participants outside to a barbeque lunch.

It is anticipated the results of the festival will be presented to City Council early this year. A copy of the report will be posted on the Web at visioning.inSunnyvale.com. Once City Council has embraced a vision for our future, it will become the focus for the City's General Plan, guiding staff over the next two years as they update the plan and its functional elements.

Sunnyvale Board and Commission Program – An Overview

oards and Commissions in Sunnyvale have a long history as an integral and important part of the City's government and community outreach. As the policy-making body for the City, Council receives important advisory information from boards and commissions. Without board and commission advice and insight, Sunnyvale would not be the quality community it is today.

The City of Sunnyvale has 10 advisory boards and commissions:

- Arts Commission
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Board of Building Code Appeals
- Board of Library Trustees
- Child Care Advisory Board
- Heritage Preservation Commission
- Housing and Human Services Commission

- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Personnel Board
- Planning Commission

Council also appoints one Sunnyvale resident to serve on the Advisory Council to the Council on Aging of Silicon Valley.

Individuals who volunteer to serve on a board or commission dedicate several hours a month to help Sunnyvale's government reflect the attitudes and beliefs of its residents.

All board and commission members are appointed by the City Council. Council strives to appoint individuals who have the appropriate skills and interests for a given board or commission, and whenever possible, appoints a representative cross-section of the Sunnyvale community.

To encourage diversity on boards and commissions, City Council policy limits individual appointments to two consecutive terms on the same board or commission; however, an individual may apply to serve on a different board or commission once they have completed their appointed term.

All boards and commissions are advisory to the City Council. They may study specific issues or provide recommendations regarding specific City government functions.

For more information about the boards and commissions program, current openings and an application, visit boardsandcommissions. *inSunnyvale.com*. You may also call the Office of the City Clerk (408) 730-7595, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail *cityclerk@sunnyvale.ci.ca.us* to request an application. ③

Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs)

FLOOD INSURANCE

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) makes flood insurance available to everyone in the City. Renters may purchase flood insurance to cover their possessions. For information about flood insurance, call your insurance agent or the NFIP customer service line at (800) 638-6620.

Homes and businesses located within SFHAs are required to be covered under a flood insurance policy as a condition of federally-funded loans or mortgages.

Community Rating System (CRS)

The NFIP created the Community Rating System (CRS) to promote flood awareness and reduce flood losses in communities throughout the United States. The City of Sunnyvale has been a participant in this program since 1998. As a result, residents and businesses in the City of Sunnyvale who purchase flood insurance receive a 15 percent reduction on their flood insurance premiums.

BELOW MARKET RATE HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM WAIT LIST OPENING IN EARLY 2007

To continue assisting first-time homebuyers to purchase affordable housing in Sunnyvale, the City of Sunnyvale will be opening a new wait list for the Below Market Rate (BMR) Home Ownership Program in early 2007. When the new wait list is opened, applications will be available at Sunnyvale City Hall (456 W. Olive Ave.), the Sunnyvale Public Library (665 W. Olive Ave.), online at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov, and at various locations throughout Sunnyvale.

Eligible applicants must either live or work in Sunnyvale for a period of six months prior to the opening of the new wait list, meet household Area Median Income (AMI) limits (see table below), and be a permanent resident of the United States. Excluding retirement accounts, assets for applicants under 55 years of age cannot exceed \$100,000; for applicants 55 years and older, assets cannot exceed \$225,000.

Household Size (70% A MI)	Minimum Income Limit (120% AMI)	Maximum Income Limit
1	\$51,730	\$ 88,680
2	\$59,080	\$101,280
3	\$66,500	\$114,000
4	\$73,850	\$126,600
5	\$79,730	\$136,680
6	\$85,680	\$146,880
7	\$91,560	\$156,960
8	\$97,510	\$167,160

There are more than 200 ownership units in the BMR program and approximately 200 additional ownership units scheduled to become available in the next two years. Current sales prices for BMR homes range from \$190,822 for a one-bedroom home to \$269,115 for a four-bedroom home. At the time of purchase, buyers must have a minimum of 3 percent of the purchase price and closing costs in readily available funds for a down payment.

To assist first time homebuyers towards purchasing a BMR home, the City offers a downpayment assistance loan program. This program provides eligible homebuyers with a loan of up to \$50,000 towards the purchase of a BMR home at a low interest rate, with payment deferred for five or more years. For households lacking a downpayment and/or closing costs, the City recently approved an Individual Development Account (IDA) program. The IDA program assists homebuyers save money, on a 2-to-1 basis, towards the purchase of a BMR home in Sunnyvale. The City will match participants' deposits of \$5,000 with \$10,000 (the maximum City match fund, a 2-to-1 ratio). Both programs require participants to submit an application for the BMR wait list.

Complete program guidelines and additional requirements for the affordable housing programs are available at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/housing. More information is available by calling (408) 730-7456, TDD (408) 730-7501, or by e-mailing housing@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

ome 2,000 acres of the City are located within areas designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). SFHAs are areas within the 100-year flood boundary as mapped by FEMA. A "100-year flood" refers to a flood level with a 1 percent or greater chance of occurring in a given year, based on historical data.

In Sunnyvale, SFHAs are generally located near Calabazas Creek and the Sunnyvale East Channel. The Santa Clara Valley Water District is responsible for improvements to, and maintenance of, creeks and channels in Sunnyvale.

Flooding in our City is generally caused by a creek overflowing its banks or clogged catch basins or storm drains. If you see flooding in any part of the City, please call the Public Works Field Services Division at (408) 730-7510.

To find out whether your property is in a flood hazard area, or for answers to flood related questions, visit the City's floodzone Web site at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/Public+Works/Flood+Zone/ or call the City Public Works Administrative Division at (408) 730-7415, TDD (408) 730-7501. Flood maps and flood protection references are also available at the Sunnyvale Public Library. ©

Connecting Today's Employers with Tomorrow's Workforce

Groundhog Job Shadow Day 2006

n an effort to provide local students with an early introduction to career opportunities available in Silicon Valley, the NOVA Workforce Board and Junior Achievement of Silicon Valley & Monterey Bay are again collaborating to sponsor a local Groundhog Job Shadow Day, on February 2.

Groundhog Job Shadow Day is a national event in which local businesses host career-oriented students, allowing them to shadow workplace mentors at a wide variety of businesses. Often for the first time in their lives, students have the opportunity to experience a typical day on the job in a career of interest to them.

Business participation in Groundhog Job Shadow is simple and the time commitment is minimal. Participation does not require a commitment of significant staff hours. In fact, only one staff member is needed to serve as the point of contact in advance of the event, and each staff person participating as a workplace mentor need only spend two hours of preparation and no more than four hours the day of the event.

If your company is interested in introducing students to the world of work and investing in the future of your business and your community, please contact Debbie Gale at (408) 988-8915 ext. 211 by January 10 to be listed as a job shadow site. Don't miss out on this opportunity to ensure the success of our young people, your business and our community.

Additional information on NOVA's other services to youth is available online at *www.novaworks.org/youth*. Junior Achievement of Silicon Valley and Monterey Bay can be found at *www.ja.org/nested/santaclara/*. •



Sunnyvale Public Safety Officer Ryan Yin guides traffic at the November 22 D.U.I. checkpoint on N. Mathilda Avenue. A second checkpoint was held at the same location on December 22.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

CHILDREN'S STORY TIMES

Mother Goose for Pre-walkers

Tuesdays, January 9, 23; February 6, 20: March 6, 20, 11 a.m.

Mother Goose for Walkers

Tuesdays, January 2, 16, 30; February 13, 27; March 13, 27, 11 a.m. Up to age 2.

Toddler Story Time (Morning)

Wednesdays, January 10, 24; February 7, 21; March 7, 21, 11 a.m. Ages 2 – 31/2.

Toddler Story Time (Evening)

Wednesdays, January 3, 17, 31; February 14, 28; March 14, 28, 7 p.m. Ages 2 – 31/2.

Time for Tales

Mondays, January 8, 22; February 5; March 5, 19, 11 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

Family Story Time

Saturdays, January 6, 20; February 3, 17; March 3, 17, 10:30 a.m. For all ages.

Cuentos en Español

Saturdays, January 13; February 10; March 10, 2 p.m. Para la familia entera. Stories in Spanish for the whole family.

Stories in Russian

Saturdays, February 24; March 24, 10:30 a.m.

Night Owl Story Time

Thursdays, January 11, 25; February 8, 22; March 8, 22, 7 p.m. For ages 3 – 8.

Preschool Story Time

Session 1: Thursdays, January 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22, 11 a.m.

A weekly small-group program for children ages 3 – 5 who are able to participate without a parent or caregiver. Each sixweek session will focus on a different skill leading to kindergarten readiness. This session will include stories and songs that include music. Registration is required and begins Saturday, January 6.

Session 2: Thursdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, 11 a.m.

A weekly small-group program for children ages 3 to 5 who are able to participate without a parent or caregiver. Each sixweek session will focus on a different skill leading to kindergarten readiness. This session will include stories and songs that include rhymes. Registration is required and begins Thursday, February 22.

CHILDREN'S SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Chess for Kids

Saturdays, January 6; February 3; March 3, 3 – 5 p.m.
Teen tutors will organize matches and teach

skills. For children third grade and up.

Concert with Patricia Shih

Saturday, February 24, 2 p.m.
Singer/songwriter Patricia Shih will
present songs about books and learning
in this interactive concert. For children
age 4 and up only and their families.

Eighteenth Annual Storytelling Festival

Saturday, March 17, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. For children in kindergarten and older and adults. Storytellers please contact Children's Services at (408) 730-7292.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Consider Cloth Diapers.

Saturday, January 27, 10:30 a.m.
Learn about the advantages of new cloth diapering alternatives and make an informed decision. This presentation is co-sponsored by the Sunnyvale Public Library and the City of Sunnyvale's Recycling Program.

Early Literacy Workshops

Parents of preschoolers are invited to this series of workshops which will teach them how to give their children the six skills necessary for learning to read and write when the children begin kindergarten. Workshops will be presented in the Library Program Room. For more information, contact Children's Services at (408) 730-7292

Early Literacy for Infants to age 2

Thursday, February 1, 7 p.m.

This will be an interactive workshop, so infants are welcome Please sign up at the Children's Information Desk beginning Saturday, January 20.

Early Literacy for 2s and 3s

*Thursday, February 15, 7 p.m.*Signup not necessary. Parents only, please.

Early Literacy for 4s and 5s

*Thursday, March 1, 7 p.m.*Sign-ups not necessary. Parents only, please.

ADULT CLASSES

Computer Basics

Wednesday, January 3; Thursday, February 15; Tuesday, March 6, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. A presentation designed for new or first time computer users, with an opportunity for hands-on practice. Learn about computers in a relaxed, stress-free setting. This part lecture, part hands-on program lasts two hours. Registration start two weeks prior to class date.

Free Databases @ Your Library

Thursday, February 8, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Some of the Library's most valuable and up-to-date resources are online. Learn how to get free access to millions of Webbased magazine and newspaper articles, thousands of e-Books, detailed company directories, in-depth information on health, business, controversial issues and more.

Searching the Internet

Wednesday, January 24; Tuesday, March 27, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Find the information you want in minutes. Learn effective search techniques, discuss search engines and indexes, and discover great places to start your search. Meet some specialized search engines, visit the "Invisible Web" and explore some special features of your favorite research tools. For those familiar with the Internet.

Genealogy Databases

Tuesday, January 23; Wednesday, March 21, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Learn about the Library's genealogy databases, Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online. The course will cover content, basic searching and printing and saving techniques.

Basic Business Research

Thursday, January 11, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Learn how to find information on starting a small business, writing a business plan, finding company performance data and performing competitive analysis. We will also cover resources for protecting and researching the intellectual property of a business.

Choosing a Legal Structure for Your Business

Thursday, January 25, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. What is the best legal structure for your business - a sole proprietorship, "C" or "S" corporation, "LLC," or partnership? Learn about the pros and cons of these business structures from attorney Kevin Roe. Registration is required by calling the Information/Reference Desk at (408) 730-7300.

Tips for Using the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Web Site

Tuesday, January 30, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

If you're an inventor, business owner, entrepreneur, intellectual property professional, researcher, or just interested in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Web site, this class is for you. This orientation to www.uspto.gov will help you locate forms, fees, file histories, patent and trademark status information, assignment data, scam prevention and complaints, manuals and guides, tutorials, and links to related sites. Registration is required by calling the Information/Reference Desk at (408) 730-7300.

Extreme Googling

Thursday, January 18; Tuesday, March 20, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Learn how to get the MOST out

Learn how to get the MOST out of Google and improve searching efficiency. You will learn why word order is important, how Google "thinks," and how to limit and combine terms.

Creating a Web Page

Wednesday, January 10, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Have you heard the word "blog" everywhere but want to know how blogs can be useful to you? Did you know there are free, easy-to-use tools that can help you create a Web page in minutes? This class will introduce some tools and tips and demonstrate how you can create your Web presence today.

LITERATURE PROGRAMS

Read-Along Shakespeare

Mondays, January 8; February 5; March 5; 7 p.m.

Gather with other fans of Shakespeare to read his works and gain new appreciation of these timeless masterpieces. If the meeting date falls on a holiday the program is typically moved to the second Monday of the month.

Monthly Book Group

Thursdays, January 18; February 15; March 15, 7 p.m.

Enjoy the fellowship of readers as you share impressions of books selected by the group, discovering new viewpoints and deepening your reading experience. All are welcome.

ADULT SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Fighting the Obesity Epidemic

*Wednesday, January 10, 7 p.m.*Featuring guest speaker Jodi Bjurman, El Camino Hospital Dietician.

Finding Health Information on the Internet

Tuesday, February 6, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Featuring guest speaker Jack Black, Senior Librarian at the Health Library and Resource Center in El Camino Hospital.

Author Rudy Rucker

Wednesday, March 7, 7 p.m.

Popular local author Rudy Rucker will discuss writing and his newest book, Mathematicians in Love, and a collection of short stories, Mad Professor.

What is Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction? Meditation as Medicine

March 14, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Featuring guest speaker Bob Stahl, Ph.D., Director of Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction programs, El Camino Hospital.

SUNNYVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY PODCASTS NOW ONLINE

Want to hear a preview of Opera San Jose's upcoming season? How about a musical performance by a local jazz band?

Sunnyvale Public Library is now offering podcasts of some of its most popular and recent events. Ten podcasts are now available and more are being added.

Some of the podcasts now available include a "Searching the Internet" class, including PowerPoint slides; a presentation about the history of Sunnyvale's Hendy Iron Works; stories from Sunnyvale residents about what it was like living and working in Sunnyvale in the 1930s and 1940s, and a conversation with Library Director Deborah Barrow about Sunnyvale's Library of the Future project.

Podcasts are free and may be listened to on a personal computer or downloaded to an MP3 player so you can listen whenever it's convenient. Library podcasts may be accessed on the Internet by visiting www.librarypodcasts.org.



Sunnyvale Pottery Program

he City of Sunnyvale
Department of Parks and
Recreation houses one
of the Bay Area's largest
pottery studios. Located at
the Sunnyvale Community
Center, the pottery studio can
accommodate over 250 potters of all
skill levels. The studio also boasts a
professional staff of internationallyknown pottery instructors.

The City of Sunnyvale's pottery studio opened its doors in 1970 at the Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. The center's rolling grounds, beautiful water features and outdoor sculptures, not to mention a panoramic view of the center's pond and 200-year-old live oak, made for the perfect setting to come relax and work with clay.

PROGRAM OFFERS PLAYTIME FOR PARENTS, TODDLERS

One of the City's most popular preschool programs is the Parent/ Tot Playschool. This fun program allows a parent, guardian or relative to attend class and interact with their young child in a fun, planned environment. Parents assist their children with making crafts, encourage their exploration of different media, watch as their children make friends, and help them understand how to take turns and share with others.

It's not just the kids who benefit from the program. Many parents become friends and share parenting tips with each other. All parents and children sign up for a special day when they assist the teacher in running the program, helping with crafts and serving snacks. Parents come up with new ideas for the children, too, like the time a parent had a large pile of snow delivered to the preschool, the first time many of the children had played in snow.

There are three available sessions for this one-day-a-week program. Parent/Tot Preschool meets Mondays and Wednesdays at Ortega Park, 636 Harrow Way, and Tuesdays at Las Palmas Park, 850 Russett Drive. All sessions run from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Parent/Tot Preschool is for children aged 18 months to 36 months, their parents, guardians or relatives. The next programs are scheduled to begin January 8, 9 and 10. For more information, please call Kay Whitney at (408) 730-7624, TDD (408) 730-7501.



Today, the primary function of the studio is to provide a place for community members to experience and experiment with the clay medium. All levels of experience are welcome, but production pottery is not permitted. Choose from our beginning classes for youth, teens and adults, our popular parent/child class or one of our new advanced technique and specialty ceramic classes for adults.

The studio is home to 15 electric pottery wheels, a kick wheel, slab roller, spray booth, and extruder. All bisque and glaze firing is done on sight in our two 16.5-cubic-foot electric kilns and two 24-cubic-foot gas kilns. Reduction and Raku firing are also available.

The Parks and Recreation
Department offers pottery programs
for both youth and adults. Our
beginning clay classes specialize
in pottery making as a fun activity
to enhance the children's creativity
and spatial intelligence. It nurtures
a child's ability to create and
encourages them to innovate and
think out-of-the- box by creating

interesting forms.

Apart from having fun, pottery making also enables the children to develop focus, concentration and stronger sense of perseverance. This activity also increases their confidence when they realize their ability to create wonderful masterpieces.

Open Studio Program

The studio is also open to drop-in users. No reservation is required. No formal instruction will be given, but a studio technician is available to answer questions and provide demonstrations on ceramic techniques. This program is perfect for the potter who has previous pottery experience.

Pricing

Class pricing varies depending on the length of the class and the number of class meetings, but averages \$4 per hour (non-residents pay an additional additive). Preregistration for classes is required.

Passes for the open studio program are available in four hour blocks, \$15 for residents and \$18 for non-residents.

Clay must be purchased in class for \$11 per 25-pound bag. Beginning tool kits are also available in the studio. Firing and glazing is included in pass price.

How to Get Involved

Class registrations and Open Studio passes must be purchased at the main Recreation Building Registration Counter Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. For more information on pottery programs, please contact Kristin Dance, Visual Arts Coordinator, at (408) 730-7758, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail kdance@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. •

CHILDREN'S SUMMER ARTS PROGRAMS EXPAND IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY DEMAND

ith parents seeking more arts opportunities for their children, Sunnyvale Recreation has introduced several new summer programs, including camps for older children and several classes for preschoolers.

World Arts Camp, a new half-day program designed to introduce 6 – 12 year-olds to art forms from different cultures, was a big hit with Sunnyvale's culturally-diverse families. More than 30 students enrolled in the program and had an opportunity to learn *bhangra* dancing from India, collage techniques from Africa, folk arts from Mexico and theater from South America and Spain. Feedback from participants and parents attending

the camp's final performance, gallery exhibit and international potluck party, was overwhelmingly positive. The City is already planning for future World Arts Camps highlighting different cultures and art disciplines.

Other new camps offered in 2006 included Square Dance Camp, Swan Lake Ballet Camp and Princess Ballerina Camp.

New arts programs for preschoolers have also been a rousing success. Our parent-child classes are designed to encourage and strengthen parent-child relationships. They offer parents the opportunity to spend quality time with their children whether learning a new skill or just having fun doing a familiar activity.

My First Art Class, a parentparticipation class that allows children to rotate through art project stations at their own pace with parental supervision, filled to capacity last summer and has been added as a regular year-round course. Little Panda, a parent participation class that uses music and creative movement to introduce preschoolers to Mandarin, the official language of China, was also popular and is now being offered three times a week.

Check the Sunnyvale Activity
Guide or visit recreation.inSunnyvale.
com for expanded year-round arts
opportunities for children. Summer
programs will be listed in the
March-April activity guide. For more
information, call Tegan Mclane at
(408) 730-7735, TDD (408) 730-7501
or tmclane@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

New Downtown Transit Center Under Construction

Frances Street Closed Until Mid-2007

new transit center is under construction on Frances Street, forcing the street's closure until summer 2007. The transit stop area south of Evelyn serves several Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) bus lines and is across the street from the Sunnyvale Multimodal Transit Station, which serves Caltrain and shuttle buses.

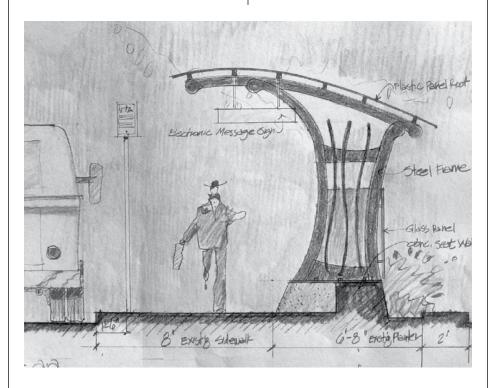
When completed, the project will offer newly-design bus shelters and a number of other improvements.

Visually, the design features will tie in the appearance of the street with both Plaza del Sol and the Multimodal Transit Station. This is part of a larger plan that involves many aspects of Sunnyvale's downtown area, and the importance of bringing many elements together.

The \$1.5 million project cost is divided between the City of Sunnyvale, Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Federal Transit Administration funds administered by VTA. The transit corridor will feature three new custom bus shelters, decorative paving of crosswalks, reinforced

paving at the bus stops, new curbs, gutters and sidewalks on the east side of Frances, and new landscaping.

Sunnyvale Department of Public Works is taking advantage of the Frances Street closure to take care of some additional work: replacement of a water line that lies under the street. By replacing the aging pipe now while the street is already closed, there won't be any additional inconvenience to downtown.



EMERGENCY 9-1-1 CELL CALLS NOW ANSWERED BY DPS

Agreements are now in place with all cellular phone service providers to direct emergency 9-1-1 calls from cell phones within our city to Department of Public Safety dispatchers. Previously, all cell 9-1-1 calls in the state went to CHP dispatch centers.

With calls going straight to DPS, emergency responses will be much quicker. Under the old system, when CHP dispatchers received a 9-1-1 call that was not freeway-related, they would have to transfer the call to the proper police or fire agency. That delay would be added to the sometimes lengthy delay before CHP could even answer the call in the first place. Particularly during poor weather, when there are numerous accidents, CHP centers were overwhelmed with calls, resulting in extended wait times before calls were answered.

The new routing system will still channel cellular 9-1-1 calls made from a freeway to the CHP, while all others in Sunnyvale will go DPS. In some cases, if a call is made from a surface street very close to a freeway, the call may still be routed to CHP. In order to avoid this, call callers can also make an emergency cell call to DPS for help by dialing (408) 736-6244.

SLACK KEY GUITAR MASTERS OFFER WORKSHOP IN SUNNYVALE

spiring Sunnyvale area guitar players will have a rare chance to learn Hawaiian slack key guitar techniques from two masters of the genre, as Dennis Kamakahi and Patrick Landeza lead workshops for beginners and intermediate level guitar player, February 3, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m., at the Sunnyvale Community Center.

Dennis Kamakahi is one of Hawaii's most prolific songwriters and performers with some 400 ki ho'alu, or slack key, tunes to his credit, including the now classic Pua Hone, Koke'e and Wahine Ilikea. Younger listeners may be more familiar with his song Always, the theme song from Walt Disney's animated feature film, Lilo and Stitch 2, performed with his son, ukulele player David Kamakahi. Kamakahi will teach an

Intermediate level class for proficient guitar players and beginners who are already familiar with Open G tuning, focusing on advanced licks and finding melodies and scales for improvisation. Students will come away with a song or two and, time-permitting, may also be introduced to C Maunaloa tuning.

Patrick Landeza, who grew up in Berkeley with Hawaiian-born parents, is am up-and-coming star and leading teacher. As a teenager, he began learning slack key guitar from two uncles, but quickly caught the ear of slack key master Raymond Kane and began traveling to Hawaii to study and play with the masters. Now, with four CDs of his own, Patrick has established himself as

an outstanding slack key player and teacher. He will offer a Beginning level workshop, suitable for where students will learn open G (Taro Patch) tuning, touch on slack key

scales, vamps and licks and come away with a song or two.

Both classes are open to students 18 and older. The fee for Sunnyvale residents is \$40. Non-residents fee is \$50. To register for either workshop (Beginning level, class #5420.101 or Intermediate level, class #5420.102), mail or fax a registration form which can be found in the Sunnyvale Activity Guide or downloaded from *sunnyvale.ca.gov/recreation*. Students may also register in person at the Community Center or by phone at (408) 730-7341, TDD (408) 730-7501.

The workshops are being offered in conjunction with an Evening of Cultural Arts concert by the two artists Saturday, February 3, at 8 p.m. at the intimate Sunnyvale Theatre, located at the Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. Concert tickets are \$25. Discount tickets for students and seniors are \$20. Group discounts are also available. For tickets, call the Sunnyvale Theatre Box Office at (408) 733-6611. The Box Office is open Monday – Friday, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., and two hours prior to shows.

The concert and workshops are sponsored, in part, by the Western States Arts Federation and the National Endowment for the Arts. •

CITY OF SUNNYVALE'S RISING STAR EVENT

oin us for the 2007 annual Rising Star event as the City of Sunnyvale recognizes our rising stars of business. The featured speaker will be Christopher DiGiorgio,

FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL CAREER FAIR

The City of Sunnyvale will hold its seventh annual Fremont High School Career Fair March 14. With the cooperation of Junior Achievement of Silicon Valley and Monterey Bay, the focus of the career fair is to inform students about the many different career paths and resources available to them in achieving their career goals. More than 40 different businesses, military agencies and other organizations have participated in the past. Businesses are invited to set up displays and participate in the career fair.

When Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Where Fremont High School

1279 Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road, Sunnyvale

Time 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Setup begins 7:30 a.m.

For more information about participating in or attending this event, call (408) 730-7607, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail econdev@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP SUNNYVALE BUILD GREEN

Green buildings use healthier products, can reduce operating costs, and can help conserve natural resources. Many green building features and products cost the same as or even less than their conventional counterparts. Other green features may cost more upfront but result in savings year after year.

Want to build green? Sunnyvale residents can take advantage of the following resources:

New Home Construction Green Building Guidelines

These guidelines are available at the One-Stop Permit Center, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale or by calling (408) 730-7444, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Green Building Materials Kiosk

Visit the kiosk, located at the One-Stop Permit Center, to view and learn about more than 30 different green building products.

Ask an Expert, (888) 40-GREEN

Get an answer to your green building question by calling the free Ask an Expert program. You can also submit your question using an online form at www.builditgreen.org/guide.

Search the Directory to locate suppliers and service providers of green building products within the Bay Area.

Northern California Managing Director for Accenture LLP.

The event will honor Sunnyvale companies that have been recognized by the following:

- Silicon Valley Business Journal: Fastest-Growing Private Companies
- HR Magazine: 25 Best Medium Companies to Work for in America
- Fortune Magazine: 100 Fastest Growing Companies in the U.S.

■ *Deloitte & Touche:* Technology Fast 50

The event will be held Thursday, February 1, from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., at the Sheraton Sunnyvale, 1108 N. Mathilda Ave. The \$25 perperson admission includes breakfast.

To RSVP, contact Maria Rodriguez at (408) 730-7607, TDD (408) 730-7501 or econdev@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us by January 17. ③

SENIOR TRIP PROGRAM

unnyvale's Senior Center Trip Program is offering another wonderful year of exciting daylong and extended trips. A trip to Yellowstone National Park, scheduled for June, will include visits to Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Devil's Tower National Monument, Buffalo Bill's Historical Center, Grand Teton National Park and Salt Lake City. In October, it's off to Washington, D.C., with tours of the White House, Library of Congress, Bureau of Printing & Engraving, national monuments and several memorials, including the World War II memorial. There's also time scheduled to explore the Smithsonian, plus an evening dinner theatre.

Trips are led by a Sunnyvale guide and include round-trip transportation

from the Senior Center, deluxe hotel accommodations, most meals, some narrated tours and all gratuities for services provided. Whether you participate for a daylong trip, an overnight bus trip, a cruise or an extended trip of many nights, you'll have an opportunity to meet new friends, see great sights and return home with wonderful memories. Select a trip from one of the nine daylong trips offered each quarter, or one of our extended trips. Trips are listed on the Web at seniors.inSunnyvale.com, in the Senior Center's quarterly Steppin' Out Messenger newsletter, and in the Senior Center's quarterly Activity Guide. The Sunnyvale Senior Center is located at 550 E. Remington Drive. For more information, call (408) 730-7360, TDD (408) 730-7501. 🗘



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ANILAMEPORT

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This Annual Report is provided as a special supplement to the Fall Quarterly Report. It provides an overview of the City of Sunnyvale's key accomplishments during the last fiscal year.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (CDD)

Director: Robert Paternoster

Development activity in Sunnyvale in 2005 and 2006 approached that of the dot-com boom years. Record numbers of planning permits were processed, construction inspections made, and affordable housing units approved. A focus on customer service made us shift resources from planning and policy-analysis to meet the huge demand for development permitting. This development activity resulted in the Community Development Department (CDD) collecting more income from permit fees than the cost of its operation, allowing it to be entirely selfsustaining throughout the year with virtually no support from tax

Sunnyvale Construction Activity on the Rise

Since the dot-com bust, construction in Sunnyvale has been rising. In FY 2005/06, CDD processed a record number of 1,300 planning permits. It approved 910 new housing units, the largest number of housing units approved in a single year in more than three decades. Almost 4,700 building permits were processed for construction valued at \$285 million, 26 percent higher than last year.

Fully 90 percent of the building permits were issued over-thecounter; and 99 percent of construction inspections were completed on schedule.

Long Range Housing Plans Come to Fruition

Sunnyvale has long been a leader in providing incentives to private developers to build the City's share of the regional housing supply. In 1993 the City undertook a study which recommended rezoning 260 acres of industrial land to allow eventual redevelopment to 6,300 housing units. The recommendations were integral to developing the state-mandated Housing Element that addresses the City's regulations and programs for providing its fair share of the regional housing need.

In FY 2005/06, the City approved development of 910 new housing units, primarily in futures sites.

City Programs Make Housing More Affordable

The City requires developers to make a portion of all new for-sale, and rental housing affordable to low and moderate income households. The boom in housing construction in 2005/06 not only produced a large number of market-rate units, but also produced a record number of affordable housing units, commonly known as below market rate (BMR) units. As of June 2006, there were 129 approved BMR units in developments throughout Sunnyvale and 193 potential new BMR units currently being reviewed by staff.

The City of Sunnyvale will open a new wait list for the BMR program in early 2007. Complete program guidelines are available at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov.

New and Expanding Businesses Strengthen the Local Economy

CDD's Economic Development Division works to attract new businesses to Sunnyvale and assist existing businesses to prosper and expand. The focus of business attraction efforts has been on businesses which generate significant retail sales tax revenue for the City. A variety of businesses have opened in Sunnyvale, including Best Buy, PetSmart, Firehouse Grill & Brewery, Direct Buy, Sports Basement, Smart & Final, Circuit City and Lowe's Home Improvement. Collectively, these new businesses could generate as much as \$1 million in annual sales tax revenue for the City.

Plans Approved to Enhance Historic Murphy Avenue

The Murphy Avenue Streetscape
Revitalization Plan was approved
to make historic Murphy Avenue
more attractive and comfortable
to pedestrians. The plan provides
both a long-term vision for Murphy
Avenue and the surrounding parcels
in the Murphy Station Historic
District, as well as a short-term
action plan for the street. Downtown

merchants and property owners worked with staff and consultants to develop the plan.

Lakewood Residents Improve Their Properties and Their Neighborhood

The City's Neighborhood Enhancement Program, brings together City staff and homeowners to work within a concentrated area (approximately 200 properties at a time) to correct violations improve properties through painting, fence replacement, driveway repaving and other general improvements. Three concentrated areas have been completed, and a fourth, and perhaps final area was scheduled to be completed by the end of 2006. Nearly 700 homes - or 42 percent of all properties in Lakewood Village - were included in one of the concentrated areas. The Neighborhood Enhancement Program has helped residents realize new pride in their homes and in the neighborhood.

Office of the City Manager (OCM)

Assistant City Manager: Robert Walker

This was a year of significant transition for the Office of the City Manager. A major reorganization of the department was orchestrated. Departmental missions, goals and objectives were reviewed against Council-approved directives; new goals and objectives were proposed, and a new staff structure was built. Some programs were eliminated or merged, with others revised to better align staff resources with expected tasks and activities. Boards and Commissions has become its own program under the direction of the Office of the City Clerk, and responsibility for handling community event applications was moved from the Communications

Division to a new program

– Community Building, Civic
Engagement and Volunteerism.

Staff maintained day-to-day services and completed updating the Council Policy Manual to improve clarity and reduce duplication, which is now online and accessible to the general public; a revised Administrative Manual; development of a neighborhood grants program; the first year of operation of a new staff-advisory committee dealing with accessibility issues; implementation of a pilot program to provide Council earlier distribution of staff reports prior to public hearings; and the start of the Base Realignment and Closure process (BRAC) for Onizuka Air Force Station.

Special emphasis this coming

year will be placed on a number of programs, including:

- Design an expansion of Columbia Neighborhood Center, with construction targeted to begin in 2008;
- Completion and adoption of the Onizuka BRAC reuse plan;
- Begin revision of the Community Participation sub-element of the General Plan;
- Implement the new neighborhood grants program;
- Launch a new staff-advisory committee dealing with issues related to cultural diversity; and
- Renew focus on the boards and commissions program, with training for staff and members.

Sunnyvale Public Library (LIB)

Director: Deborah Barrow

Sunnyvale Public Library is a great resource and an asset to the community. With an average of more than 550 items checked out per hour, and three-quarters of a million visitors annually, Sunnyvale's is one of the busiest libraries in California. Last year nearly 1.9 million books and other items were checked out.

Grants Awarded

Library programs made possible through grants helped further the Library's reach. The Satterberg Foundation offered a second year of funding for "Tales for Tots," a program designed to promote the love of reading to young children. The WGBH Educational Foundation funded a special science programs in celebration of "Einstein's Big Idea," the theory of relativity. Sunnyvale was the only public library in California to receive this grant.

Programs and Collaborations

Two open house events at the Library brought record-breaking

crowds as a result of joint efforts with Sunnyvale School District administrators, parents and teachers, school library staff, Friends of the Sunnyvale Library, and Library staff. Between Bishop School Family Fun Night and Lakewood School Family Fun Night, more than 400 people attended these get-togethers.

Other collaborations and special programs such as with the Hendy Iron Man Museum display and presentation, the Earth Day program with the Public Works Department, Internet Safety training by the Department of Public Safety, and a variety of trainings at the Parks and Recreation Department's Senior Center, are examples of the types of joint efforts the Library expects to continue in the coming year.

The Library will also continue with its hallmark programs such as participation in the annual county-wide celebration of reading, Silicon Valley Reads; author talks; season previews of Opera San Jose; celebrations of the arts with performances by groups such as the Jack Conway Trio Featuring Juanita

Harris; and exhibits such as the one the Sunnyvale Art Club presents each year. Some of these events and performances will be podcasted for enjoyment by library users online.

Improvements in Online Services and the Library Facility

A new online catalog system has been installed that allows users to find what's available in the Sunnyvale Library and other libraries, reserve materials, renew materials and manage their account, 24-hours a day. In the near future, it will be possible to make online payments for fines, as well. Additional features connected to the new catalog are podcasts of Library programs, and access to Live Homework Help, a grant program offered through the California State Library to provide live assistance to students online in English and Spanish.

New self-checkout machines have been installed to give Library users more convenience. The new machines are faster and more reliable, with a choice of English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese. DVDs may be checked out at self-checkout machines again, now that the DVD/feature film fee has been eliminated. Further improvements are planned for the Children's Room to make it more inviting and more space will be dedicated to teens.

The Sunnyvale Library of the Future

The City recognizes the importance of a good library system to the community. By planning now for the Sunnyvale Library of the Future, the City expects to maintain a presence in the educational, intellectual and social fabric of its community. At the January 23 City Council meeting, staff will present the Sunnyvale Library of the Future Study and Strategy. The study will include a needs assessment, plan of service, building program, options for library services through 2030. To follow the history, latest developments and decisions related to the Sunnyvale Library of the Future, visit libraryofthefuture. inSunnyvale.com.

Public Safety (DPS)

Director: Don Johnson

Last year, Department of Public Safety staff focused on the goal of building a world-class delivery system for police, fire and emergency medical services. The department's goal is to be the best.

Among the great things our people did this year that help shape our City's future, was to strengthen our partnerships with our schools. Our five Neighborhood Resource Officers put a face on public safety for our kids. We start early by trying to make a positive and lasting in our elementary schools, working in our middle schools to give lessons

on rewards and consequences; and we follow in our high schools, helping to encourage 100 percent attendance for all classes, options and alternatives for teens who may face alcohol and drugs, and helping kids understand the importance of education.

We now hold office hours at the Columbia Neighborhood Center so the residents can drop in with issues, questions or problems, building strong ties to the local community. We have also brought many of our police and fire programs to Columbia, including bicycle safety, child safety seat Installations, and

juvenile diversion.

Our Traffic Safety and Education Unit was awarded several grants from the State Office of Traffic Safety that allows us to focus on drivers who drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. We expanded our holiday checkpoints by working with neighboring law enforcement agencies, taking a more regional approach.

We also developed a child safety seat installation and inspection program that provides parents an opportunity to meet with an officer to ensure their child's car seat meets state standards and is properly installed.

Our Sunnyvale Neighbors Actively Prepare Program (SNAP) provides 22 hours of intensive response training during each six-week class session, preparing neighbors to take care of themselves, their family and their neighborhood, should a disaster strike. We now have more than 400 volunteers ready to assist Public Safety and the City.

In addition to these committed volunteers, we have more than 20 community members who regularly volunteer at DPS, supporting many programs.

PARKS AND RECREATION (DPR)

Director: David Lewis

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) began many new projects and programs to serve the community last year. Of particular note are the many additional services and amenities for seniors. Sunnyvale Senior Center added a computer lab, new equipment to its fitness room, revamped its lunch program to provide fresh food prepared on site and expanded its Senior Advisory Committee to achieve greater representation of its participants. The Senior Center also initiated new membership and fee policies to allow more options and choices for all seniors.

We overhauled and restructured the summer camp, resulting in a 30 percent increase in attendance over the previous year. A new Art Apprenticeship Program at Columbia Middle School resulted in new public art pieces at Columbia Neighborhood Center. During the last year, more than 97 percent of participants in our programs rated them satisfactory or higher.

Last summer, the youth and teen unit saw a 43 percent increase in enrollment for fee-based camps. Staff is already busy planning activities for next summer. Enrollment in traditional day camps increased by 55 percent and is attributed to significant changes in how the camps were structured. Recognizing that one size does not fit all, a new camp series was designed to provide activities supporting the social, recreational, physical and emotional needs of children at different developmental stages in life.

Parks and Facilities added new roofs on the park buildings at Washington, Murphy, Fair Oaks, and Lakewood parks, and multipurpose room renovations were completed at Braly and Fair Oaks parks. Playgrounds were renovated at Raynor and Fairwood parks, and golf courses received upgrades with bunker improvements and a new software to improve inventory control, golf tee time reservations and other golf services.

Parks Division played a large role in the development of the new Community Gardens, located on Charles Street between Olive and Iowa.

In the second half of 2007 we are planning to roll out our new online registration system, to better serve the community.

Information Technology (ITD)

Director: Shawn Hernandez

2006 was another busy year for the City of Sunnyvale Information Technology (IT) Department. While we may not come in direct contact with the Sunnyvale public as often as other City departments, we provide daily support and assistance to our colleagues which result in the best possible services for residents and businesses. In addition, we provide project management services, technical support and assistance, and other IT-related support on several major projects. Many of our projects focused on increasing the services available to residents over the Internet. For example, IT provided significant support in implementing the new Library and golf systems, both of which have Web features. One of our current projects is the new Recreation system that will allow residents to register for classes online, as well as reserve City facilities online.

IT spearheaded the effort to bring wireless Internet services to residents. We worked with MetroFi on an agreement to provide free and low-cost Internet service to all residential areas in Sunnyvale. MetroFi's coverage is already 85 percent complete and plans on providing their services to the remaining residential areas, primarily in the northeastern sections of the City, by spring 2007.

At the direction of City Council,

IT has also been working to bring Webcasting to Sunnyvale. Webcasting, or streaming video, will allow anyone with a computer and Internet connection to view City Council over the Internet. Webcasting does not permit feedback from Internet viewers to the meeting as it takes place, it merely provides an alternative viewing method to the Comcast cable television broadcast that allows anyone, anywhere to watch the meetings over the Internet.

FINANCE (FIN)

Director: Mary Bradley

In November 2005, Sunnyvale voters approved increases to the Business License Tax and the Transient Occupancy Tax. These important tax revenue sources will be increased in a phased approach, beginning January 1. The Business License Tax increase will be fully implemented in 2008, with the lowest amount of tax increasing from \$10 to \$30, and the highest amount increasing from \$325 to \$9,500. The Transient Occupancy Tax will increase from its current rate of 8.5 percent to 9.5 percent over the next three years. When fully implemented, these tax increases will bring an estimated \$1.4 million to the City's General Fund to help support such services as public safety, parks and library services.

For the 19th consecutive year, the Budget Division received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association.

The Procurement Division saved more than \$1 million in purchasing costs for the City. Cost savings are recorded when staff achieves a price that is lower than estimated or previously paid; when advantageous terms are negotiated, such as freight paid by the vendor or an upgrade for the same price; or when a less-costly way of doing business is identified by an internal customer. The level of cost savings generated in Fiscal Year 2005/06 was particularly noteworthy because prices for most products and services were on the increase.

For the sixth consecutive year, the Sunnyvale Procurement Division received the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award. This award is designed to recognize organizational excellence in procurement and is sponsored by several prominent national purchasing organizations as well as

the California Association of Public Purchasing Officers. Only 29 public agencies in the United States and Canada have received this national award at least six times.

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report received awards from the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers and the Government Finance Officers Association for excellence in financial reporting.

The Treasury/Cash Management Division generated interest earnings of approximately \$7.8 million on a portfolio that totaled more than \$213 million at the end of Fiscal Year 2005/06.

Public Works (DPW)

Director: Marvin Rose

The overall performance of the Public Works Department during Fiscal Year 2005/06 was excellent. By the end of the year, the department had met or exceeded 88 percent of its program measures, and completed 21 capital projects during the year, all of them within the approved budget.

Public Works Highlights

Calabazas Creek Trail Project

This project funded the development of a paved pedestrian and bicycle trail adjacent to Calabazas Creek, from Mission College Boulevard to Old Mountain View-Alviso Road.

Borregas Sanitary Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Approximately 4,400 feet of 27-inch diameter clay sewer main required replacement or rehabilitation, due to failing joints and cracked pipe. By selecting a "cured in place" pipe liner instead of replacing the sewer pipe itself, the City saved as much as 50 percent on the cost of the project

Asset Condition Assessment at the Water Pollution Control Plant

DPW completed a physical inventory and detailed inspection

of the City's wastewater treatment assets, with some parts of the Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) dating to 1956. The report on how much longer these facilities might be expected to last, and the expected consequences if they failed, will help prioritize future projects.

Sunnyvale Bicycle Plan Revised

Bike improvements and changes within the last 10 years were incorporated into a revision of the Sunnyvale Bicycle Plan. The functions and responsibility of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) were also reviewed.

Preparation of the Urban Water Management Plan

Every five years, all water providers in the state are required to update their Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The 2005 UWMP was prepared to provide a comprehensive update to the 2000 UWMP. The plan complies with legislative mandates and new requirements.

New Procedures Yield Fewer Sewer Stoppages

The Field Services division reduced mainline sewer stoppages by 63 percent, despite a steady rise in the number of mainline stoppages in previous years.

Additional Milling Machine Decreases Roadway Preparation Time

We increased the amount of roadway pavement patching by more effectively using a milling machine and better work scheduling. The milling machine allows the patching crew to save several steps in areas requiring small patches, or correcting long, linear failures.

Computerized Water Control System Replacement

The new Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system greatly increases the control and data needed to support water distribution operations. Staff can monitor pump performance, observe rising levels in creeks and detention ponds, and be alerted of failures of several types. Staff was also able to add improved security measures.

Landfill Gas Condensate Collection and Treatment System

A new collection and treatment system for the gas naturally created at the landfill was completed. This gas is used to create electricity at the WPCP, reducing the City's energy costs.

Looking Forward

Infrastructure Renovation and Replacement

The City began development of a Long Range Infrastructure Plan (LRIP) several years ago. Phase I of the LRIP established the Infrastructure Renovation and Replacement Fund and incorporated full funding for General/Gas Tax and Community Recreation Fund assets. Phase II of the LRIP has also been completed, which addresses the fixed assets within the City's utility funds.

Adaptive Traffic Signal Control System

The City has started using a cutting-edge traffic signal control technology called "Adaptive Traffic Signal Control," which gathers information in real time on traffic volumes, and constantly adjust traffic signal cycle times to meet demand. This translates to fewer stops and improved travel speeds. An initial project on Mathilda Avenue resulted in improved average traffic speeds of up to 56 percent.

See Public Works, page 12

EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT (NOVA)

Director: Michael J. Curran

Known within the City of Sunnyvale as the Department of Employment Development, NOVA is a consortium of seven cities serving northern Santa Clara County that is administered by the City of Sunnyvale. NOVA is a key partner in Connect!, the regional one-stop collaborative of service organizations dedicated to improving the workforce and business climates in the region.

Fiscal year 2005/06 was a busy year as the local economy continued to improve and Silicon Valley's companies increased their hiring. NOVA enrolled more than 2,000 adults in NOVA's federally-funded programs, and more than 220 youth in NOVA's federal youth programs. Of those, 16 percent of enrolled participants were Sunnyvale residents.

At the Connect! Job Seeker Center, nearly 5,500 individuals were registered as new members, 22 percent of whom were Sunnyvale residents. More than 53,600 total client visits were recorded for the year, resulting in a total of 77,120 individual services provided to job seekers

In the past year, 60 companies contacted NOVA for assistance with impending layoffs or closures, 17 of these in Sunnyvale. These layoff events affected a total of 3,308 individuals, more than 35 percent of whom reside in Sunnyvale.

Major events throughout the year:

Last October, NOVA held its 15th annual CONNECT! awards luncheon. The event honored eight alumni of the various CONNECT! programs, as well as four outstanding community partners, including Polycom Inc., Right Management Consultants, and two senior living facilities, Lytton Gardens and Our Lady of Fatima Villa

In January, NOVA released Silicon Valley Roots: Foundational Occupations with Growth Potential, a cutting-edge report compiled by NOVA staff and focusing on 28 occupations outside the high-tech sector requiring minimal education, providing higher-than-average salary potential, and with projections of growth over the next decade.

The annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day, cosponsored by Junior Achievement and NOVA, was again held in February, with more than 1,750 students visiting 130 businesses and organizations throughout Santa Clara County. Students from Sunnyvale Middle School and Fremont High spent an exciting day learning about various departments within the City of Sunnyvale.

Although the official grand opening was celebrated in July 2006, a satellite office of the Silicon Valley Small Business Development Center has been providing services from the CONNECT! Job Seeker Center since April of this year.

Throughout the past year, NOVA has funded prerequisite classes for 469 students pursuing degrees in healthcare occupations through local community colleges in an effort to help alleviate bottlenecks in training for these much-needed occupations.

Also, through a grant from the State of California, NOVA launched its Healthcare Navigator Web site, which provides essential information on the healthcare professions. The site is available as a resource to the public at *www.healthcarenav.org*.

NOVA has a variety of services available to Sunnyvale residents and businesses seeking assistance with employment-related concerns. We look forward to serving Sunnyvale and the greater Silicon Valley community for what we expect will be another successful year. Contact us at (408) 730-7232 or visit us online at www.novaworks.org for additional information.

Human Resources (HRD)

Director: Erwin Young

The most important department and Citywide human resources issue in 2007 will be the issue of succession planning – what happens when City staff begin to retire. While succession planning is a continuous effort in the organization, it becomes even more important this summer with the planned implementation as a new retirement program goes into effect in July for many City employees. A recent survey of current City workers indicated significant number of long-term City employees plan to retire. Several Citywide internal initiatives, including expansion of supervisory/ management training programs, mentoring programs and department staffing studies to determine new organizational efficiencies are planned.

At A Glance

The Human Resources
Department coordinates services
and programs that assist City
departments in developing and
maintaining a qualified, effective
and diverse workforce, and provides
employment-related services to the
City's 900 employees and to job
applicants.

The functions performed by the Human Resources Department include employee recruitment, benefits coordination, employee relations, classification and compensation, and employee development.

Year In Review

- Implemented a new online applicant tracking system (NEOGOV), which provides for a new and efficient way for the public to apply for City jobs.
- Hired 50 new employees, including eight new Public Safety Officer In Training positions.
 Processed more than 4,000 job applications.
- Completed contract negotiations with SEIU Local 715 on a new three-year contract for the City's represented part-time employees.
- Worked with all City departments in an effort to reduce the number and cost of workers' compensation. This effort resulted in a 25 percent decrease in claims filed from the previous fiscal year, and a nearly 50 percent decrease in lost time for workrelated injuries.
- Developed new training academies for City employees to instruct current employees in management development, supervisory skills and customer service.
- Implemented a new management compensation system, developed by the Hay Group, which provides a salary structure based upon a balance of internal and external equity.

CITY ATTORNEY (OCA)

City Attorney: David Kahn

The City Attorney's Office had a very busy year in 2006. A major focus has been the Sunnyvale Town Center Mall redevelopment project. Due to delays and problems with keeping the project on schedule, the City Attorney's Office was called on to advise on and pursue the City's legal remedies under the agreement with the developer. The City Attorney's Office will continue to work closely with the City Manager's Office in 2007 to monitor the redevelopment project and provide the legal support and advice necessary to move it forward.

There have been several significant development proposals in 2006, including on the former Lockheed site and Town and Country Village. The City Attorney's Office drafted the legal documents and advised City departments on the legal considerations for these developments, resulting in successful deals while protecting the City's interests.

As the City's legal representative, the City Attorney's Office handled

and supervised all litigation involving the City to defend the City's interests. In 2006, the City Attorney took over the risk management and claims administration function for the City, and has been working proactively to review and minimize liability exposure for the City.

The City Attorney's Office is working on some special projects that began in 2006 and will continue into 2007. These include the Charter Review Committee and the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) working group. The city attorney continues to provide legal counsel and representation to all City departments on issues such as employment and labor law, environmental compliance, code enforcement, redevelopment and other legal issues facing the City.

The City Attorney's Office is looking forward to a challenging and productive year in 2007 and continuing to work and resolve legal issues of importance to City Council and the Sunnyvale community.

PUBLIC WORKS

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The City has secured grant funding for two additional Adaptive Traffic Signal Control projects, which will be implemented in 2007. Sunnyvale Saratoga Road between Talisman Drive and Alberta/Harwick, and Mathilda Avenue at Route 237 will receive installations of adaptive equipment, as well as other signal equipment upgrades.

New Recycling Sorting System

A project to replace the SMaRT Station's materials recovery equipment is nearing the end of the design stage. The multi-million dollar project would replace the 13 year-old materials recovery facility equipment with updated technology, making it easier for workers to pull out recyclable materials, while reducing operating costs and increasing recycling revenues.

Call for Nominations for the Early Education Awards

he City of Sunnyvale's Youth, Family and Child Care Resources Office is seeking nominations for Sunnyvale's Award for Excellence in Early Education. This annual award, now in its fourth year, recognizes high-quality early educators in Sunnyvale. The award highlights the critical role early educators play in a child's social, physical, emotional and intellectual well-being, and recognizes those early-educators who provide an early education environment that enriches the lives of young children and their families.

Nominations are sought from parents and others who have first-hand experience with the nominee's commitment to providing high-quality early-learning experiences for young children. To be eligible for the award, nominees must have a minimum of two years experience as a child care director, teacher or family child care provider in a licensed child care setting.

Nominations are accepted for the following categories.

Infant Child Care Center

Preschool/Child Care Center (generally ages 2 - 5)

School-age Child Care Center

Family Child Care Provider

Child Care Center or Preschool Director

Child Care or Preschool Teacher

Applications are reviewed and awardees are selected by the City's Child Care Advisory Board (CCAB). Nominees are evaluated in a number of areas based upon criteria from the National Association for the Education of Young Children which sets forward standards for evaluating child care centers and providers; including how well the nominee displays their knowledge

of curriculum development, child development, respecting cultural differences and the importance of parent involvement in the early education environment.

Award recipients will receive a certificate signed by the mayor and the CCAB. Recipients will also be announced at the City's Annual Health & Safety Fair, to be held at Columbia Neighborhood Center, on Saturday, May 12. Applications must be received by March 15.

For information about the award, and to download an application, visit www.sunnyvale. ca.gov/communityresources, and click on Youth, Family & Child Care Resources, then Award Nomination Forms. To view a list of last year's recipients, click on 2006 Award Recipients. For additional information, please contact the Youth, Family and Child Care Resources office at (408) 730-7608, TDD (408) 730-7501 or childcareresources@ci.sunnyvale. ca.us.

Sunnyvale's Columbia Neighborhood Center Celebrates Ten Years of Service to the Community

olumbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) celebrated its tenth year of service to the Sunnyvale community on November 4. CNC was born from a partnership between the City of Sunnyvale and Sunnyvale School District, a \$1 million donation from Sunnyvale-based Advanced Micro Devices, and input from community members and local agencies. For 10 years, the Center has been providing the Sunnyvale community with access to a health clinic, counseling, adult education, recreation programs, health insurance assistance, neighborhood safety programs, community events and other services.

During the ceremony, local officials dedicated a new public art piece located at the entrance to the Center. The work of art was created by Columbia Middle School students Anissa Benabbas, Kanh Bui, Nancy Carpio, Erika Cristobal, Lisette Escobedo, Melissa Jennifer, Sara Magee, Kayimoa Masiano, Victoria Amador, Lorena Barajas and Karla Medeiros. Artist Melissa Jennifer led the students in the After School Art Apprenticeship program, developed by the City's Department of Parks and Recreation and supported by the Kids Learning After School program and CNC.

Following the ceremony, guests were treated to a continental breakfast and an open house showcasing the Center's services, including a demonstration of the after-school boxing program.

The open house will include an exhibit of photos and articles from the Center's past, as well as art pieces from the After School Art Apprenticeship.

CNC is located at 785 Morse Avenue, next to Columbia Middle School in Sunnyvale. For more information, call (408) 523-8150, TDD (408) 730-7501. •

ART APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

ince its inception in January 2006, students participating in the After School Art Apprenticeship program at Columbia Middle School have been hard at work creating a public art piece for the Columbia Neighborhood Center.

The six-month Art Apprenticeship Program was spearheaded by the City of Sunnyvale's Recreation Division in partnership with the Columbia Neighborhood Center and with assistance from Columbia Middle School and the Sunnyvale School District. Professional artist Melissa Jennifer was hired to teach the classes, lead the apprenticeship program and develop the final designs for the artwork, incorporating both the vision and values of the students along with her own artistic style.

Dedication of the artwork (pictured, right) took place during the Columbia Neighborhood Center's



10th Anniversary celebration, November 4. The finished sculpture is a part of the City of Sunnyvale's permanent art collection. ©

EXPLORERS LEARN PUBLIC SAFETY SKILLS

s a division of the Boy Scouts of America, Sunnyvale Explorer Post 417 is a non-profit volunteer program for 14to 20-year-olds designed to educate and involve youth in Public Safety activities. The program offers a rewarding and productive service activity, preparing youth for future roles as good citizens and contributing community members.

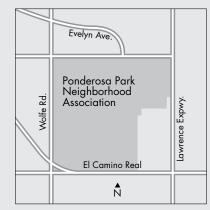
In addition to national competitions and leadership training academies, Explorers receive both police and fire training and learn to respond to emergency scenes, go on ride-alongs and assist police and fire personnel

in Sunnyvale. They also assist the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety in community events such as the air show, the annual Art and Wine Festival, DUI checkpoints and auto extrication seminars.

For more information about the Sunnyvale Explorers call (408) 730-7140. •

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION: PONDEROSA PARK

Ponderosa Park Neighborhood Association is the newest of Sunnyvale's 18 active Neighborhood Associations. The new association was formed to provide a forum for the discussion of issues related to the neighborhood and to foster a sense on community. Ponderosa Park Neighborhood Association welcomes residents who live within the designated boundaries to participate in scheduled meetings, activities and events.



President Kristin Farnham, (408) 261-2055, should be called for meeting information.

If you have an interest in forming a Neighborhood Association or would like more information about getting involved in your community, visit neighborhoods.inSunnyvale.com, or contact Nathan Truitt, Community Outreach Coordinator, at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail ntruitt@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

GOLF VISIONING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Help shape the future of golf in Sunnyvale. Make your voice heard by attending one of the following public meetings:

- Saturday, January 20, 2 p.m., Sunnyvale Golf Course (605 Macara Ave.)
- Thursday, January 23, 7 p.m., Sunken Gardens Golf Course (1010 S. Wolfe Road)
- Saturday, January 25, 7 p.m., Sunnyvale Golf Course
- Saturday, January 27, 2 p.m., Sunken Gardens Golf Course

For more information, call (408) 730-7506, or visit golf.inSunnyvale.com.

"FOR YOUR HEALTH" COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERIES

Camino Medical Group (CMG) and the City of Sunnyvale are offering a free health series featuring a wide variety of health-related, timely topics of interest to you and your family. Presentations are led by CMG physicians and are free and open to the public.

All lectures are held 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Sunnyvale City Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave. Presentations are televised on KSUN-15, the City of Sunnyvale's government access cable channel. To reserve your seat, call (408) 523-3295 or visit www.caminomedical.org.

January 24, 2007 Stroke Prevention February 28, 2007 Heart Health

Presented by Ronald Hess, M.D.

Presented by Chad Rammohan, M.D.

PROMOTING LITERACY IN YOUNG CHILDREN

he Sunnyvale Public Library and City of Sunnyvale's Office of Youth, Family and Child Care Resources are promoting the importance of early literacy and education in young children by offering a free training to child care providers and preschool teachers.

This two-hour training, "Literacy-Based Activities for Preschoolers; a Workshop for Teachers and Home Daycare Providers" will be held Saturday, February 10 from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Sunnyvale Public Library. Cindy Thomas, an expert in the field of literacy and early education will present activities and information designed to

inspire reading in young children. The workshop will be interactive and will demonstrate the latest techniques for teaching literacy skills. Each provider in attendance will receive an informational packet and reading materials to bring back to their child care center or family day home. To receive additional information about this exciting workshop, please contact Betsy

Wachter, Supervising Children's
Librarian, at (408) 730-7294 or
Stephanie Manfre, Youth,
Family and Child Care
Resources Coordinator,
at (408) 730-7608.
Interested providers
can sign up beginning
Saturday, January 27,
through Monday,
February 5, at the
Library or by calling
(408) 730-7292.



Community Wellness Lecture Series

l Camino Hospital and the
City of Sunnyvale have
partnered to bring you a free
health lecture series. Monthly
presentations are led by El
Camino Hospital physicians
and open to the public.

All lectures are held 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Sunnyvale City Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.. To register or get more information,

please call (800) 216-5556 or visit www.elcaminohospital.org/calendar.

February 7, 2007

Surgical Treatments for Atrial Fibrillation

Presented by Dr. Marc Pelletier

March 7, 2007

Colon Cancer: Genetics, Lifestyle or Bad Luck Presented by

Dr. George Triadafilopoulos ۞

CAR SEAT SAFETY

Sunnyvale DPS Helps Parents Keep Kids Safe

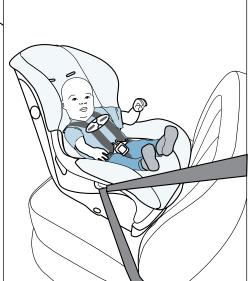
ore children are killed each year in vehicle collisions than all other accidental deaths combined. Statistics show that six children are killed and more than 730 injured each day in car crashes. Year after year, government and vehicle manufacturers work together to strengthen laws regarding child restraint systems. Many parents and caregivers have not been properly trained to install child safety seats. Safety belts and motor vehicles are designed primarily for adult passengers. As a result, compatibility problems often occur between child safety seats, safety belts and vehicle seats. During national Safe Kids checkup events, statistics found misuse by 82 percent of all participants, and an average of three errors per misused restraint. Many deaths and injuries could be

prevented with proper restraint use.

To help fight this easily-corrected problem, the City of Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) provides inspections to help residents make sure their children's safety seats are properly installed. DPS has partnered with Lucile Packard Children's Hospital and the national Safe Kids campaign to certify public safety personnel as child passenger safety technicians. The goal is to reduce injuries to children in collisions.

Through the DPS Traffic Unit, residents may request an appointment to have their child safety seats inspected and installed according to safe practice procedures. Installations are conducted every Wednesday, by appointment only. To set an appointment, call (408) 730-7179. More information on car seat safety is available at www.safekids.org. ©





Sunnyvale Department Of Public Safety Special Enforcement Team (SET)

unnyvale has long had a reputation as a safe city. Nevertheless, every city faces tough challenges from time to time. That's why Sunnyvale's Department of Public Safety (DPS) has formed the Special Enforcement Team (SET). This new, specially-trained unit has been assigned to address special policerelated issues in Sunnyvale, such as residential, commercial and auto burglaries, armed robberies, purse thefts from commercial parking lots, gang problems, narcotics and vice crimes, and truancy issues with the city's schools. SET frees patrol officers to handle calls for service and allows officers to take a more proactive approach in preventing crime throughout the City.

The new unit is working with neighborhood resource officers, traffic officers, the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, and officials from the four school districts serving Sunnyvale to insure a safe place for teenagers to attend school. During school hours, SET makes contact who are not in class and returns them to school. In its first year of operation, SET returned 38 truants to school. The new truancy program and the use of SET reduced truancy at Fremont High School by 32 percent for the entire 2005/06 school year. Unexcused tardies were down 8 percent and all student absences were down 17 percent during this same time.

In the first year of operation, SET made 234 arrests on 241 felony charges and 125 misdemeanor charges, and seized nearly \$95,000 in illegally obtained cash. SET also seized 18 firearms and 33 bladed weapons from individuals arrested for various crimes, as well as a variety of illegal drugs with a street value of approximately \$50,000.

SET is supervised by a detective lieutenant and staffed with six detectives. SET members frequently work in plain clothes to be more effective in their investigations. All SET members have received specialized training in high-risk entries, undercover narcotic and vice operations, surveillance, gang

investigations, special investigations, and interviewing and interrogation. In addition, SET frequently works closely with other City departments, such as the Office of the City Attorney, Neighborhood Preservation, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation, as well as with specialized units from other local, county, state and federal agencies. ©

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY?

reparation is the key to how well you, your family and your home survive a disaster. Sunnyvale Neighborhoods Actively Prepare (SNAP), is an award-winning, proven community emergency response team training program that can help you prepare for any emergency. The next session begins January 11 and runs through February 24.

SNAP brings residents together, working with the City to learn how to protect themselves and their property before, during and after a disaster. The first 72 hours after a disaster are critical. Electricity, gas, water and telephones may not be working. Emergency services that you have come to expect through 9-1-1 at a moment's notice, such as police, fire, or medical help may not be available. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Emergency Services (OES), through SNAP, will train you to be self-

sufficient for up to a week.

OES staff and volunteers have designed a comprehensive, fun and interactive emergency preparedness training program. Topics include:

- Disaster preparedness
- Fire Safety and Suppression
- Disaster Medical Operations
- START Triage
- Safety Assessment and Communications
- Incident Command System
- Understanding Terrorism
- Critical Incident Stress Management
- Light Search and Rescue and Exercise

For more information about SNAP, or to register for the next class, visit *snap.inSunnyvale.com*, call (408) 730-7190 or e-mail *csampson@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us*. ③

KEEPING KIDS SAFE FROM BITES

ore than 4 million people are bitten by dogs each year. 800,000 of those are severe enough to require medical attention. Children under the age of 13 are at least three times more likely than adults to sustain a serious bite injury.

The good news is that most dog bites can be prevented. The key is knowing how to behave responsibly and safely around dogs and cats.

The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, in partnership with Camino Medical Group, offers dog and cat safety presentations for elementary school children. The free, 45 minute program includes a video, group activity and the opportunity to meet a Sunnyvale Animal Control Officer. The goal of the program is to reduce the risk of bites by giving the children of Sunnyvale the knowledge and skill to behave responsibly and act safely around pets.

If you are interested in having your children participate in this program, have your child's school representative contact the Sunnyvale Animal Control Unit, at (408) 730-7178. Presentation requests are now being accepted.

To request an animal license application, or to inquire about other animal related questions, please contact Sunnyvale Animal Control at (408) 730-7178.

Did you know?

■ If your pet gets lost, a license tag on your pet's collar allows Animal Control to reunite you and your pet.

- Licensing, unlike micro chipping, lets people know your pet has received required vaccinations.
- Your pet's license shows you are a responsible caregiver.
- It's the law...Your pets need to be licensed to be in compliance with Sunnyvale and California State law.

Three Easy Steps to License Your Dog

- 1. Complete a City of Sunnyvale animal licensing application form.
- 2. Include proof of your pet's rabies vaccination along with payment made to Sunnyvale Animal Control Unit.
- 3. Mail all documents to: City of Sunnyvale, Dept of Public Safety, Animal Control Unit, P.O. Box 3707, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3707. 🗘

Sunnyvale Steps Up Downtown PARKING ENFORCEMENT

unnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) began in the downtown area in September. Parking is

regular parking enforcement limited to three hours in

parking structures, parking lots and all public streets, except the 100block of Murphy Avenue, which has a one hour limit. Downtown Sunnyvale parking restrictions are in place to ensure

there is adequate parking available for people who patronize local businesses. The limits are designed to discourage business employees and Caltrain commuters from occupying spaces needed to support business activities. The increased enforcement activities are in keeping with a City Council directive in adopting the City's FY 2006/07 budget.

In preparation for the new enforcement program, City staff from the Community Development Department and DPS met with the

Sunnyvale Downtown Association September 13. Employee parking permits were mailed to all downtown businesses by the City, based on the number of employees listed in the City's business license database. Businesses were instructed to contact Economic Development staff if additional parking permits were needed, and the City then updated the number of employees listed on the business license information.

Parking areas have been designated for downtown employees with parking permits, including the underground parking garage P2 level under Plaza del Sol, and the public parking lot located at Charles and Evelyn Avenues. 🗘



SPRING VEHICLE TOW-AWAY

Do you have a vehicle that is taking up parking space in front of your house or in your driveway? Would you like to dispose of it at no charge?

If your answer is yes, you will be pleased to know that this is possible. Sunnyvale residents who have a vehicle that is taking up parking space may have the vehicle disposed of at no cost during Sunnyvale's 2007 Spring Vehicle Tow-Away.

Between April 1 and April 30 residents may call the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) and request a pick-up appointment. Requests will be sent to a City-approved towing company, which will call residents directly to arrange for pickup of the vehicle during May.

Vehicle owners must sign over ownership and turn in the vehicle's pink slip to the approved towing company. Vehicles must be towable, with four inflated tires, and have all debris and garbage removed. Vehicles removed during the Spring vehicle towaway do not qualify as an IRS tax donation.

For additional information on the program, contact Michelle Tani in DPS at (408) 730-7104, TDD (408) 730-7501.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

ore than 600 people showed up with empty stomachs and open wallets for the annual Department of Public Safety (DPS) Pancake Breakfast. The event raised \$4,923 for the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation, \$1,202 of which was donated by the American Legion in Santa Clara.

In addition, an in-kind donation of \$1,000 was made by the Public Safety Officers Association to purchase food

and supplies for the event. About 30 volunteers donated their time, including Homestead High School's Key Club and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), as well as Sunnyvale's own Volunteers in Public Safety. Many City departments were on hand, staffing booths to showcase their services.

Sonic Wall also contributed \$1,000 to the Burn Foundation in August during the Burn Relay, putting DPS's total raised for the year at nearly \$7,000. 😂

NEW COMMUNITY EVENTS CONTACT

Thinking of holding a community event? Call Community Outreach Coordinator Nathan Truitt at (408) 730-7472 or e-mail ntruitt@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us to request a community event application form. Applications are also available online at eventapplication.inSunnyvale.com.

Parking Enforcement Officer Aaron

Pace patrols Murphy Avenue

RESIDENT RECYCLING HELPS KEEP REFUSE RATES LOW, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY HIGH

ver wonder who gets the money for your recyclable materials after they are picked up at the curb? The answer is, "You do!" The funds raised from the sale of these recyclables – approximately \$2.7 million last fiscal year alone are used to keep Sunnyvale garbage collection rates low. This revenue stream includes the four cent California Refund Value (CRV) attached to beverage bottles and cans purchased by consumers. Just as individual residents collect the four cent refund by taking bottles and cans to recycling redemption centers, the City earns refunds when these containers are donated through the curbside recycling program.

Sunnyvale stands in the front rank of U.S. cities when it comes to recycling. California leads the nation in recycling, and Sunnyvale is a leader in California.

"The City's investment in the SMaRT Station® allows us to recycle at both ends of the waste disposal system," said Mark Bowers, Sunnyvale's solid waste program manager. "We collect high-value recyclables that have been separated from garbage by residents and businesses, then use the materials recovery facility at SMaRT to capture from the garbage those materials that were missed by the separation programs."

The California Integrated Waste Management Board's state-wide disposal reporting system calculates our community-wide diversion rate at 61 percent. In other words, of the waste generated within the City's boundaries, 61 percent – more than the 50 percent state minimum – is not disposed in a landfill. Sunnyvale was the first city in California to adopt its state-mandated Source Reduction and Recycling Element and in 1996 became one of the first cities of its size to exceed the 50 percent diversion level.

percent diversion level. ©

RECYCLING FACTS

- Recycling aluminum creates 97 percent less pollution than producing new metal from ore.
- The 12.4 billion CRV containers recycled in California in 2005 saved enough energy to power more than 520,000 households for a year.
- One million years is how long it takes glass to break down naturally. Glass only breaks down by weathering and physical crushing or pounding.
- Eight to 12 weeks is how long it takes for a glass container to be recycled and returned to the store shelf.

Source - California Department of Conservation



OF ELECTRONIC WASTE

Electronic Waste, or E-waste, includes any item with a plug, thermostat or circuit board inside. It is illegal and harmful to dispose of E-waste in the trash. Sunnyvale, Palo Alto and Mountain View residents may recycle these items at the SMaRT Station®, 301 Carl Road, from 8 a.m. -5 p.m., seven days a week. There is no fee for drop off. For more options, check out www.sunnyvalerecycles.org, or call (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Considering Cloth Diapers? Make an Informed Decision

t seems like a simple decision. If you are concerned about the environment, you diaper your baby with one of the many new cloth diaper plus waterproof cover systems. If you put convenience at the top of your list, you choose disposables or single use diapers. However, there are many factors new or prospective parents must consider before making the decision that is right for them.

Disposable diapers add up to 840 tons of garbage to Sunnyvale's landfill each year, more than any other single consumer item. A report by the Natural Resources Defense Council states that disposables use 10 times more resources than cloth diapers and produce 50 times more solid waste.

The City of Sunnyvale asks parents and caregivers to consider using cloth diapers as an easy and convenient way to protect the environment and support our community's effort to reduce waste. To encourage new parents to make an informed decision, the Sunnyvale Public Library and the City of Sunnyvale's Recycling Program are sponsoring "Consider Cloth Diapers," a parent workshop scheduled for Saturday, January 27, at 10:30 a.m. The workshop will be held in the Library Program Room, 665 W. Olive Ave. 🗘

CLOTH DIAPER INFORMATION ON THE WEB:

- www.sunnyvalerecycles.org (click on the Cloth Diapering link)
- www.bareware.net/diapfaq.htm
- www.thenewparentsguide.com/diapers.htm

Businesses Helping the Environment, and Their Bottom Line

y preventing pollution, recycling, switching to energy-efficient equipment and lighting, and conserving water, Sunnyvale businesses are helping to protect our natural resources and save money. The following businesses have been certified "green" by Santa Clara

County for valuing our environment as well as their bottom line.

- All Laser Services
- Environmental and Occupational Risk Management (EORM)
- For Other Living Things
- Juniper Networks
- Labcyte
- Pine Cone Lumber

■ PowerPrint/Colorways, Inc.

- Sports Basement
- Sunnyvale Ford
- Toyota Sunnyvale
- Ultimodule

Visit *greenbiz.sccgov.org* for a list of certified green businesses in Santa Clara County and to find out how your company can participate. •

January 1 - March 31, 2007

Community Calendar also available online: www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/events

In addition to City-sponsored events, the Community Calendar includes non City-sponsored events. Events posted to this calendar do not necessarily imply endorsement by the City of Sunnyvale. The calendar serves as an informationonly resource for the community. All dates and times are subject to change.

City Holidays

January 1

City Offices Closed (in observance of New Year's Day)

January 15

City Offices Closed (in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

City Offices Closed (in observance of Presidents Day)

City Meetings

City Council: Meets most Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave..

Arts Commission: Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 West Olive Ave.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory **Committee:** Meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Board of Building Code Appeals: Meetings are held only when necessary. For more information call (408) 730-7444.

Board of Library Trustees: Meets the first Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Child Care Advisory Board: Meets the second Tuesday of each quarter, 11:30 a.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Heritage Preservation Commission: Meets the first Wednesday of every other month, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 West Olive Ave.

Housing and Human Services Commission: Meets the fourth

Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Parks and Recreation Commission: Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Personnel Board: Meets the third Monday of the month, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Planning Commission: Meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Recurring Community Meetings and Events

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting:

12:15 p.m., Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. For more information contact Lu Zentner, (408) 481-0890 or ez611@comcast.net.

Business Mixer, 5 p.m., evening networking events held the fourth Thursday of the month. For more information or to make a reservation contact the Sunnvvale Chamber of Commerce, (408) 736-4971.

Farmer's Market, Saturdays

(rain or shine), 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., S. Murphy ve between Washington Avenues. For more information call (510) 745-7100 or visit www. urbanvillageonline.com/ sunnyvale/index.html

Fair Oaks Toastmasters,

Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Fair Oaks West Club, 655 S. Fair Oaks Ave. For more information contact Hanh Chau,

(408) 251-2521, hchau1@aol.com or visit www.geocities.com/fairoakstoastmasters .

Glaucoma Support Group Of The

South Bay, 6:30 p.m., meets the fourth Wednesday of the month, Camino Medical Group Urgent Care Center; Conference Room #2, 201 Old San Francisco Road, For more information, contact Sally Twestens Health Education Department, Camino Medical Group, (408) 523-3221 or Chris Saleh, Moderator/Founder, (408) 404-8479

Impressions Scrapbooking and Crafts

Meets the first Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Sunnyvale Adventist Church Fellowship Hall, 653 W. Fremont Ave. For more information contact Shannon Fiorello, (408) 782-0105. cropalong@botmail.com or Shannon Andres.

(408) 245-5634, cmheartsong@hotmail.com.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-

Off, Drop-off at Sunnyvale Event Site (164 Carl Rd), 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Held the third Saturday of every month (except December). For more information call (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting: 7:20 a.m., Lookout Inn. 605 Macara Ave., (Sunnyvale Golf Course). For more information contact Bruce Carlson, (408) 774-0609 or bruce@carlsonfun.com.

Wake-Up Sunnyvale, Monthly networking breakfasts held the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 a.m. For more information or to make a reservation, contact the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, (408) 736-4971.

Neighborhood **Association Meetings**

Heritage District Neighborhood **Association Meetings**

All meetings held the first Friday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Murphy Park Building, 260 N. Sunnyvale Ave. For more information, call Tom Carrig at (408) 736-6147.

Lakewood Village Neighborhood **Association Meetings**

All meetings held the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (except December) at Fairwood School or Lakewood School - visit www.lvna.net for locations. For more information, e-mail Ursula Syrova at president@lvna.net.

San Miguel Neighbors **Association Meetings**

All meetings held at 7 p.m. at San Miguel School Teachers' Lounge, 777 San Miguel Ave. For more information, call Tara Martin-Milius at (408) 733-5778.

SNAIL (Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor Including La Linda) Meets the first Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., Columbia Middle School. Teacher's Lounge, 739 Morse Ave. For more information, contact, Elaine Rowan, (408) 749-1846.

Classes and Programs

Compost Workshop, Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum, 10 a.m. noon. Workshops are one Saturday per month with registration deadline the day before. For more information, call the Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.

January 2007

City Council Meetings: The 2007 City Council meeting schedule will be approved and posted in January. City Council meets most Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

January 1

City Offices Closed (in observance of New Year's Day)

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting, 12:15 p.m.

Impressions Scrapbooking & Crafts, 7 p.m.

Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

January 4 **SNAIL Neighborhood Association**

Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.

January 5 Heritage District Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

January 7

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

January 8 **Board of Library Trustees**

Meeting, 7 p.m., Library Program Room, 665 W. Olive Ave.

Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m.

San Miguel Neighbors Association General Meeting, 7 p.m.

January 10

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Parks and Recreation

Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

January 11

Lakewood Village Neighborhood **Association Monthly Meeting**, 7 p.m.

Wake-Up Sunnyvale, 7:30 a.m.

January 13

Farmer's Market. 9 a.m.

Evenings of Cultural Arts Presents

- Adrian Legg, 8 p.m., Sunnyvale Theatre, Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. To purchase tickets, or for more information, call (408) 733-6611.

January 14

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.,

January 15

City Offices Closed (in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday)

January 17

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

January 18

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

January 20

Farmer's Market. 9 a.m.

Compost Workshop, 10 a.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

California Theatre Center presents – Dear Mr. Henshaw. For more information or to purchase tickets call

(408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org .

January 21

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.,

January 22 Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m.

January 23

Child Care Advisory Board, 11:30 a.m.

January 24 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley

Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m. Glaucoma Support Group Of

The South Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

January 25 Business Mixer, 5 p.m.

January 27 Farmer's Market. 9 a.m.

California Theatre Center

For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org.

January 28 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

January 31

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

February

City Council Meetings: The 2007 City Council meeting schedule will be approved and posted in January. City Council meets most Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

February 1 **SNAIL Neighborhood Association** Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.

Heritage District Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

February 3

Board of Library Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m. Library stakeholders public meeting to discuss Library of the Future project.

Farmer's Market. 9 a.m.

California Theatre Center presents -Rumbelstiltskin. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org

Evenings of Cultural Arts presents -An Evening in Hawaii with Dennis Kamakahi and Patrick Landeza, 8 p.m., Sunnyvale Community Center Theatre, 550 E. Remington Dr. To purchase tickets or for more information call (408) 733-6611.

February 4

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting, 12:15 p.m.

Impressions Scrapbooking & Crafts, 7 p.m. **Board of Library Trustees Meeting**, 7 p.m.

February 7

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley

Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m. American Association of Retired Persons

(AARP) Monthly Meeting, 12:15 p.m. February 8

Lakewood Village Neighborhood **Association Monthly Meeting**, 7 p.m.

Wake-Up Sunnyvale, 7:30 a.m.

February 9 - 25

Sunnyvale Community Players presents -The Wiz. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 733-6611 or visit www.sunnyvaleplayers.org

February 10 Farmer's Market. 9 a.m.

California Theatre Center presents -Rumpelstiltskin. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org

February 11 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.,

February 12

San Miguel Neighbors Association General Meeting, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m.

February 14

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

February 15

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

February 17

Farmer's Market. 9 a.m.

Household Hazardous Waste **Drop-Off**, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Compost Workshop, 10 a.m.

February 18

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.,

February 19

City Offices Closed (in observance of President's Day)

February 21

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

February 22

Business Mixer, 5 p.m.

February 24

Farmer's Market. 9 a.m. February 25

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.,

February 26 **Planning Commission Meeting**, 8 p.m.

February 28

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Vallev Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Glaucoma Support Group Of

The South Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

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SNAIL Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.

March 2

Heritage District Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

March 3

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m., March 5

March 7

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley

Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

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Impressions Scrapbooking & Crafts, 7 p.m.

Heritage Preservation

Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

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Wake-Up Sunnyvale, 7:30 a.m.

March 10

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

March 11

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

March 12

Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m.

San Miguel Neighbors Association General Meeting, 7 p.m.

March 14

Parks and Recreation

Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

March 15

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

March 17

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Compost Workshop, 10 a.m.

Eighteenth Annual Storytelling Festival:

1.p.m. – 4 p.m., Sunnyvale Library Program Room, 665 W. Olive Ave. For children - kindergarten and up and adults. For more information on Library events, call (408) 730-7300 or visit www.sunnyvalelibrary.org.

California Theatre Center presents – Once Upon a Bedtime. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org

Evenings of Cultural Arts Presents -An Irish Musical Holiday, Golden Bough, 8 p.m., Sunnyvale Community Center Theatre, 550 E. Remington Dr. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call (408) 733-6611.

March 18

Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.,

March 19

Personnel Board Meeting, 5 p.m.

March 21

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m..

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The South Bay, 6:30 p.m. **Housing and Human Services** Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

March 31 Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

Ongoing Events

Fun On The Run

City of Sunnyvale's Mobile **Activities Program**

For more information contact Suzie Hayes, recreation coordinator at (408) 730-7523 or shayes@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

Sunnyvale Family Child Care Network Provider Meetings

A group of family child care providers who meet on the second Tuesday of each month for support, networking and education. For more information, call Manijeh Khazeni at (408) 736-6310.

SNAP (Sunnyvale Neighborhoods Actively Prepare) Program

The Sunnyvale Office of Emergency Services works with our citizens to prepare them for catastrophic emergencies such as fires, earthquakes or other natural and manmade disasters that can be applied in the home, school, neighborhood or wherever needed in Sunnyvale. For more information call Cherel Sampson, (408) 730-7190 or SNAP@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us

Water Pollution Plant Tours

Sign up for a tour of the Sunnvyale's Water Pollution Control Plant. To schedule a tour or for more information call (408) 730-7717.

SMaRT Station® Tours

See how garbage and recyclable materials from Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale are processed and sorted for recycling at the Sunnyvale Materials Recovery and Transfer Station. Tours are available by appointment and are appropriate for persons 8 years of age and older. To schedule a tour or for more information call (408) 752-8530 or www.sunnyvalerecycles.org.

SMaRT Birding Tours

The City has collaborated with the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society to offer free one-hour bird-watching tours at Sunnyvale's closed landfill. Interested parties should meet at noon on the first Wednesday of the month at 1444 Borregas Ave., north of Caribbean Drive. For additional information, call Silviana Ruiz, (408) 730-7545

or e-mail sruiz@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

Community Calendar Online events. in Sunnyvale. com

HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING

oliday trees will be collected at curbside for residents with single family curbside (split cart) recycling service. If you live in an apartment or town house, contact your property manager or association for

tree-recycling options. To prepare your trees for curbside recycling service, just follow these simple steps:

- 1. Remove tree stands, tinsel and other decorations.
- 2. Cut the tree into four-foot or shorter lengths.
- 3. Place the tree in or beside your yard trimmings cart at curbside. Flocked trees are okay.
- 4. Do not wrap tree in plastic. For more information, call the

Sunnyvale Recycling program at (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501. 🗘

PREPARING FOR PANDEMIC FLU

Sunnyvale's Office of Emergency Services (OES) offers monthly classes for individual and family preparedness, including pandemic flu planning. Classes are offered every second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at DPS headquarters, 700 All America Way, in the second floor classroom. Upcoming classes are scheduled for January 7, February 14 and March 14. Call (408) 730-7190 for more information, or visit OES.inSunnyvale.com

Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Events

January 21, February 18, and March 18 Hours: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. No appointment required for Sunnyvale residents. Location: 164 Carl Rd.



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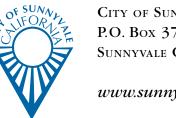
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